

REMARKS

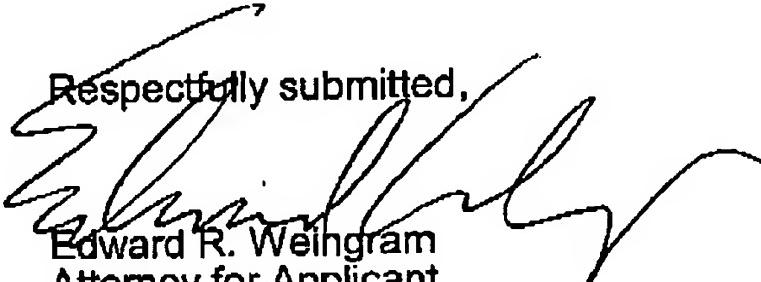
As an initial matter, the undersigned counsel would like to thank Examiner Safavi for his courtesy and assistance in a telephone conference on March 17, 2004.

During the telephone conference with the Examiner, it was pointed out that amending the claims to clarify that the envelope comprises a plurality of intersecting planar surfaces and cylindrical surfaces, and that a plurality of said planar surfaces and cylindrical surfaces have a plurality of at least one of protrusions, ridges, grooves and channels formed on said planar and cylindrical surfaces, would distinguish the claims over the cited Bishop patent. The Examiner appeared favorably disposed to the proposed claims and suggested submitting this Proposed Amendment.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 1, 6, 8, and 13. Claim 6 has further been amended to be in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claim.

It is believed that the claims as amended now clearly distinguish over Bishop et al. In view of the foregoing Amendments and the Remarks in support thereof, it is respectfully submitted that this case is in condition for allowance. Favorable action on the merits, including entry of all requested amendments and allowance of claims 1 -13 is respectfully solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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